

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Metropolitan Building Association No. 8 will be held at the office of said association on Wednesday, June 7, 1916, between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m.

WORTHINGTON, Secretary.
OFFICE OF THE GEORGETOWN GAS LIGHT COMPANY, 1320 Wisconsin ave. n.w., May 24, 1916. A meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of seven directors, will be held at the office of the Secretary, June 3, 1916. Polls open from 12 m. to 1 p.m. Books for transfer of stock will be closed from May 24 to June 3, 1916, inclusive.

CHARLES P. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
THE LAWN FETE GIVEN BY THE LADIES' Auxiliary of the Hebrew Aged Home, to be held on Sunday, May 28th, will be postponed until further notice.

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THINK OF
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"SPECIAL
LOVE ME
THE WORLD
IS MINE
SUNG BY
LARRY ELLIS"

Many a fellow makes a goose of
himself about a chicken.
Th' shortage o' dyestuffs don't
seem t' affect highly colored news.

FIGHT TO DEFEAT
D. C. RIDER GROWS

Board of Trade to Wage
Greatest Battle in Its His-
tory to Save Half-and-Half.

DISTRICT FACES SERIOUS
SITUATION, SAYS SPEAKER

President Brandenburg Urges Every
Member to Start Work Today.
Special Report Adopted.

The Washington Board of Trade, an
organization having a membership of
nearly 1,500 representative business
and professional men, which for more
than twenty-six years has worked
diligently for the welfare and betterment
of the National Capital, has deter-
mined to make the greatest fight
that has ever characterized its quarter
of a century of usefulness in its effort
to bring about the defeat of the rider
to the District appropriation bill which
by indirect action the half-and-half
provision of the organic act of 1878 and
substitutes nothing in its place.

At a meeting of the board last night
at the New Willard Hotel, following
the adoption and endorsement by a
unanimous rising vote of a report sub-
mitted by the special committee on im-
mediate fiscal legislation and recom-
mendations which embodied Presi-
dent E. C. Brandenburg, who presided,
called attention to the seriousness of
the situation confronting the District
of Columbia by reason of the pro-
visions of the rider, and urged upon
the members of the organization to
start to work today and exert every
effort to bring about the defeat of the
proposed legislation.

"I and the other officers and directors
of the Board of Trade think this is the
most crucial period in the history of
the nation's capital," said Mr. Branden-
burg. "If the legislation which this
board has adopted is passed, it will
mean serious injury to every citizen of
Washington, whether he be a taxpayer
or not."

"We must unite in calling to the at-
tention of members of Congress the
sentiment of the people of the District
of Columbia with regard to this rider.
We must make them realize the uni-
versal sentiment against such legisla-
tion, for by doing so we may hope to
enlist their support in the movement
to defeat it."

Each Member Asked to Work.

"I solemnly appeal to every member
of the Washington Board of Trade to
familiarize himself with the facts con-
tained in this able report to which you
have just listened and then single out
some member of Congress and present
to him the arguments which it contains
in as forceful a manner as possible. Do
your utmost to bring him to see the
injustice of this rider and to pledge
his support to its defeat."

"The report has been published in the
public press, and perhaps the majority
of you have a copy of it. If not, you
can obtain copies at the office of the
Board of Trade."

"Study it, and then get busy with at
least one member of Congress and win
him over to our cause."

In giving this instruction to members
of the board, Mr. Brandenburg urged
upon them to be diligent and not
neglect to call attention to "the debt
of gratitude we owe to those friends of
the District of Columbia in the House
of Representatives who already have
worked hard to eliminate this objec-
tionable rider."

"One of our friends is seated here
on the platform," said Mr. Branden-
burg, pointing to Representative Robert
H. Hays of Pennsylvania.

The reading of the report of the
special committee on immediate fiscal leg-
islation followed the report. The number
of special and annual reports by
other committees. The meeting
closed with the singing of the national
anthem, the consideration of this
report constituted the last busi-
ness to be transacted by the organi-
zation as a whole until November, unless
a special meeting is called in the inter-
val.

Report Read by Chairman.

The report was read by the chairman
of the special committee, Theodore W.
Noyes. Mr. Noyes did not read it in
its entirety since the full text had
been published several days ago, but
gave the essential portions of it. Al-
though the report was written before
the District appropriation bill was re-
ported he said every sentence con-
tained in it is in condemnation of "just
this legislation as provided by the
rider." He called attention to the per-
sonnel of the committee and after read-
ing the list of names of those who
served with him said:

"I mention them because I am proud
of them."

They are D. J. Callahan, E. F. Colla-
day, J. Harry Cunningham, John Joy
Edgar, C. J. Gockeler, R. N. Harper,
John B. Larnier, H. R. F. Macfarland,
James F. Oyster, Odell S. Smith, Corcoran
Thom, George Trueblood, A. S.
Worthington and E. C. Brandenburg ex-
officio.

Mr. Noyes explained to members of
the board that although he had not yet
received the approval and indorsement
of the full membership of the organi-
zation, it had been utilized in an ef-
fort to bring about the defeat of the
appropriation bill rider in the House.
It was realized that consideration of
the District bill would be completed
before the board would have an oppor-
tunity to act on the rider, he said.

Following the submission to the board
of approval of the report by the
board and the committee was imme-
diately dispatched to every member of
Congress.

Mr. Noyes read in full the introduc-
tion and conclusion of the committee's
report and gave a summary of the other
portions.

Portions Read in Full.

Following are portions which were
read in full:

To leave undone the things legisla-
tive which ought not to be done is as
vital an important as to do that which
ought to be done.

What legislation, then, should not be
enacted on the basis of the report of
the joint congressional fiscal commit-
tee?

There should be (1) No repeal out-
right of the half-and-half law on the
theory that the rider is unconstitutional
in whole, recommends its unconditional
abolition.

(2) No repeal of the half-and-half
law by rider on an appropriation bill
as proposed by such amendment in the
last Congress. This amendment raised
the issue between House and Senate
which led to the creation of the joint
congressional committee. This issue
was whether the half-and-half law was
fair to the nation. The joint commit-
tee says it is fair.

(3) No repeal of the half-and-half
law in any way which fails to substi-
tute for it a carefully considered sys-
tem under which District taxation is
fixed and certain, and under which
Congress shall "pursue a definite policy
of regular and liberal appropriations"
for capital maintenance and develop-
ment.

(4) This substitute for the half-and-
half law, if one is proposed, should be
thoroughly considered by the District
committee and carefully considered by
both houses of Congress in order to be
certain that it protects the capital's
equities and provides the just safe-
guards against excessive taxation
which the half-and-half law provides,
and without this thorough preliminary

discussion and consideration no re-
pealing substitute should be enacted.

Petition and Protest.

The report concludes with the follow-
ing petition and protest:

We, the members of the Washington
Board of Trade, do earnestly petition
Congress (1) for the repeal of the law
of 1878 which restricts the Commission-
ers' estimates to twice the amount of
the District's estimated revenues; and
(2) for legislation which shall cause
any surplus of District revenue arising
in any year from the enforcement of
the half-and-half law to be held in the
Treasury as a trust fund for the bene-
fit of the District to meet its needs in
some future year.

We protest against the repeal at
this time of the half-and-half law,
which the joint congressional commit-
tee has in effect declared to be fair;
and we especially protest against such
action by rider on an appropriation
bill, or in such form as to be retro-
active, or by any method which does
not secure for the proposed legisla-
tion thorough preliminary considera-
tion by the District committees and by
Congress, and which does not substi-
tute for the repealed law one estab-
lishing a definite policy of regular and
liberal appropriations for capital main-
tenance and development, and a fixed
and certain tax burden for the
District of Columbia.

We further solemnly protest against
the appropriation by this year's Dis-
trict appropriation bill of any amount
less than twice the District's estimated
revenues, in accordance with existing
law, unless the resulting surplus of
District tax money is declared to be
held in trust in the Treasury for the
benefit of the District to meet, in part,
its needs outside of current routine
expenditures in future years.

Needs of Washington.

The portions of the report which
were summarized consisted of an
analysis of the findings of the joint
select committee of Congress which
reported on the fiscal relations be-
tween the District of Columbia and
the federal government and mentions
the needs of the District.

Under the latter heading the report
states:

The immediate legislation urgently
needed by Washington is discussed in
the hearings before the joint commit-
tee. (1) The law arbitrarily limiting
the Commissioners' annual estimates
should be quickly repealed and prohib-
its the statement by the Commissioners
and the satisfaction by Congress of the
actual needs of the District.

It prevents the nation, inevitably, from meet-
ing fully its capital obligation. It auto-
matically insures an unexpended sur-
plus of District tax money. It accom-
plishes, as Congress applies it, no good
purpose whatsoever. The Commission-
ers' estimates, in accordance with the
spirit of the joint committee's report,
should disclose to Congress Washington's
genuine municipal needs, both for
current maintenance and for permanent
improvements; and the responsibility for
the estimates should rest solely on
Congress.

(2) The effect of the report of the
joint committee is to vindicate in prin-
ciple the treatment of the half-and-half
provision as not necessarily applying
retroactively to each year's estimate
considered alone, but to the average of
a series of years. The joint committee
since 1878 have been in the aggregate,
though not in every year viewed sepa-
rately, on the half-and-half basis. The
Commissioners express the belief that this
fact is evidence of design, not an acci-
dent, and that the nation thus not only
incurred a heavy loss, but did carry out
its half-and-half promise.

Under the present practice which
puts the tax burden before congressional
appropriation, the half-and-half pro-
vision is not and cannot be arbitrarily
enforced and literally obeyed in any one
year. But in the past, this provision can
be enforced and obeyed.

When the future in the future in
general conformity with this practice
will be vindicated in principle by the joint
committee. The only legislation neces-
sary will be a provision to put the sur-
plus of District tax money in any year
into the Treasury, not as miscellaneous
receipts, to be merged with national
money and lost to the District, but, as
the joint committee's report describes it,
as a fund for the benefit of the
District of Columbia, and for no other
purpose."

"Fits Upon Its Own Head."

The report was supplemented by addi-
tional remarks having a direct bear-
ing on the District appropriation bill
and its objectionable rider, matter pre-
pared since the bill in question was re-
ported to the House. Mr. Noyes direct-
ed attention to the fact that while the
report was framed before the appropri-
ation bill, with its legislative rider, was
made public, this proposed legisla-
tion fits upon its own head with un-
canny precision. It leaves un-
doubted the things for which we protest
and it does the things against which we
protest.

Continuing, he said:
"It does not secure for the proposed
legislation thorough preliminary con-
sideration by the District committees and
by Congress. The provision is, without
public hearings, rushed through under
whip and spur, by the all-powerful
appropriations and rules committees."

"Repeal takes the objectionable shape
of a rider upon an appropriation bill,
operating covertly, by indirection."

"The rider is in substance and effect
the same as that urged last year on the
ground that the half-and-half law was
grossly unfair to the nation. The joint
committee reports that the half-and-
half law is absolutely fair to the nation.
Yet on the pretext of following this
report, which cuts the foundation
from under last year's rider, that hostile
proposition is resurrected and vindi-
cated."

"This rider adopts only the destruc-
tive suggestions of the joint commit-
tee."

Report on Water Supply.

The first matter considered at the
meeting was the annual report of the
committee on water supply, A. P.
Clarke, chairman. The board concurred
in a recommendation that steps be
taken to bring about the adoption of a
plan for increasing the water supply
of the city and the execution thereof.

All reference to site was eliminated
from the recommendation of the com-
mittee on public health with regard to
the proposed municipal hospital in its
annual report. Recommendations of
this committee, which Dr. Percy
Hickling is chairman, were as follows:

Favoring the erection of a municipal
hospital, the duly qualified dentist
in the District of Columbia, and that
there should be better ventilation of
street cars, either by limiting the num-
ber of passengers or by means of fans
or otherwise, as in other cities.

The annual report of the membership
committee showed that the total en-
rollment of the Board of Trade at pres-
ent is slightly in excess of 1,450. Rec-
ommendations contained in the report,
which was read by Charles F. Crane,
chairman, were as follows:

The committee during the ensuing year
be directed more especially to keeping the
roll of its present high-water
mark rather than to a further increase
in the total membership. That when
year a definite budget of work may be
mapped out and each man given an
opportunity as a member of a proper
committee, actively and vigorously led
to exert his talents for the benefit of
the organization and the community."

National Forest and Park Reserve.

The following recommendation was
contained in the annual report of the
committee on national forest and park
reserve, read by William V. Cox:

"That the Board of Trade urge Con-
gress to carry to completion the wisely
administered constructive plan of the
national forest reservation commission
and to provide sufficient funds to ac-
quire additional lands as originally
planned to conserve the forests, and
streams so important for ourselves and
posterity."

A special report from the committee
on public transportation, Charles F.
Wood, chairman, continued the recom-
mendation that the board urge legisla-
tion that would give the District Com-
missioners full power to make all regu-
lations for the governing of traffic in
the District, and that the board en-
dorse the Commissioners' recommenda-
tion favoring the Page bill, providing
an annual registration fee for automo-
biles, but with the proviso that this
fee should be in lieu of personal taxes
and all other charges. The committee
reported favorably on a referendum
from the Chamber of Commerce of the
United States urging Congress to direct
the Interstate Commerce commission to
make an investigation and report on
the controversy between the railroads
of the country and certain labor or-
ganizations.

Charities and Corrections Report.

A special report from the committee
on charities and corrections favored the
bill providing for a national board of
charity for motion pictures. George C.
Shinn read the report.

Henry W. Samson read the annual
report of the committee on law pro-
tecting the nation's flag, stating that
the flag is still under the protection of
legislation largely because those who
want to see such legislation enacted
have been unable to agree on a bill
so providing.

The annual report of the committee
on history of the District of Columbia
contained the announcement that the
second volume of the history being
prepared under the auspices of the
Board of Trade recently has been
printed.

In a report of the committee on pub-
lic buildings and monuments, the board
recommended in Congress providing
for thicker building walls on the
group of motion pictures. By this
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want to see such legislation enacted
have been unable to agree on a bill
so providing.

The Board of Trade Gleec Club made
its final appearance at the annual
sing, a lullaby number under the
leadership of Charles R. Bartlett.

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vice. Information at Rock Island Travel Bureau,
434 Wisconsin Bldg., Philadelphia. Advertisement.

FRUIT TO BE PLENTIFUL.

Country's Crop Gives Excellent
Promise, According to Report.

The country's fruit crop promises un-
usually well for the year, according to
the report of a special committee of
the Chamber of Commerce of the
United States made public today.

The survey applies to practically all
kinds of fruits, with the exception of
peaches, which, it is said, have suffered
severe damage from frost and cold in
many sections.

One of the compelling causes this sea-
son of the fine fruit condition, the re-
port states, is the increased attention
paid to proper pruning and tree spray-
ing. Small fruits will be record break-
ing, while the apple crop is expected to
be one of the largest ever grown.

Growers of fruit for commercial pur-
poses will probably receive for their
wares something like \$400,000,000, the
report states.

George W. Coleman Gets Parole.

The federal parole board has recom-
mended and Attorney General George
H. Clegg has approved the parole of George W.
Coleman, convicted several years ago
of misappropriating funds of the Na-
tional City Bank of Cambridge, Mass.
Coleman has served five years and five
months of fifteen-year sentence in
the Greenfield, Mass., prison. He will
be released in a few days.

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It is left to the joint committee. Such
taxation is left uncertain and fluctu-
ating. The pending bill adds to the
local tax burden which the joint com-
mittee says is ample, by imposing ad-
ditional special assessments in connec-
tion with the aqueduct and a new
rental tax on vaults under side-
walks. These local payments under
the half-and-half law to be held in the
Treasury as a trust fund for the bene-
fit of the District to meet its needs in
some future year.

The background with the half-
and-half law repealed lurk the in-
heritance tax and the tax on intangible
property.

Liberal Appropriations Denied.

"The new organic act, by rider on
appropriation bill, fails to provide in
place of the repealed law the definite
policy of regular and liberal appropri-
ations by Congress, urged by the joint
committee. The appropriations pro-
posed, divorced from any definite
policy, are irregular and illiberal."

"If the joint committee had found that
the half-and-half law was grossly un-
fair to the nation, and that the District
resident was under the burden of a
taxed and shirking his proper capital
contribution, the appropriation bill,
with its cut of three and one-half mil-
lions from the Commissioners' esti-
mates, its new tax exactions from local
residents, and its unconditional repeal-
ing the half-and-half law, could
hardly have been differently worded."

Then, can it be maintained that
this bill is in accordance with the find-
ings of the joint committee's report? Will Congress,
which rejected this rider last year, con-
sider it fair to the nation? Will it be
demonstrated to be fair?

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